



CONCEPT NOTE

Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment Demonstration Project –Bago City Philippines National Consultation Workshop

10-11 April 2008
Bago City, Philippines

- Thematic areas:** (a) Urban waste/environmental management
(b) Small enterprise development/Eco-scheme/ Waste banking
(c) Policies practices for replication.
- Objective:** To present the ongoing and planned activities related to urban waste management implemented by Bago City and formulate strategies for better implementation and further replication of those activities by other cities/local governments in Philippines.
- Target groups:** Local governments, municipalities or communities of the Philippines (mayors, planning officials, etc) involved in the area of urban environmental management.

Background

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has been implementing the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (KI), adopted at the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED 2000) held in Kitakyushu, Japan in September 2000.

The Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (KI) is a mechanism for implementation of the priority areas of the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific with specific focus on environmental quality and human health in urban areas. The Initiative involves a three pronged approach of: a) implementing pilot activities that will identify and review different approaches to urban environmental management in selected cities in the region; b) undertaking of study tours and other capacity building events aimed at encouraging the transfer of successful practices and promoting intercity environmental cooperation in country-specific contexts; and c) establishing network for information dissemination and exchange.

Bago City Development Project

Bago City was used to be adjudged as one of the dirtiest in the region, with high incidence of poverty, malnutrition and health problem due to its failure in solid waste management. To address those problems, KABAHIN KA Programme, a comprehensive approach in solid waste management based on community participation was implemented and has successfully resulted to reduce the waste generation (by weight) of the City by 50%. However, there are still remaining challenges as the current composting methodology and recycling system was found to be costly, inefficient and financially unsustainable. In to order to improve the solid management system, the City proposed to implement the "Solid Waste Management as a Social Enterprise: A Community-based 3R Approaches in Bago City", by applying a market mechanism as

well as introducing a better composting methodology together with more active participation and support by the people. This project basically aims to support the development of “mini-enterprises” for waste composting and recycling that will provide business and market opportunities for the stakeholders involved and to explore other activities related to waste reduction and management. The project also seeks to strengthen environmental awareness and cooperation among the members of communities, students, local government, private entities, NGOs and other stakeholders in the City. By doing so, it is expected to demonstrate multiple environmental and socio-economic benefits by enhancing the successful outcomes of the ongoing KABAHIN KA programme.

This project is fully supported by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Asia Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) as one of the model cases of an actual replication of good practices facilitated by the Kitakyushu Initiative Network. The City Government of Bago, in collaboration with UNESCAP, APFED and other advanced member cities of Kitakyushu Initiative Network, intends to demonstrate the early stages in the implementation of the project, the significance of a collective action and application of appropriate approaches and technologies that could be transferred to and adopted by local governments in developing countries with minimum support from international organizations and donor agencies. The best practices that will be demonstrated by the Project have gained success and popular acceptance in the City of Surabaya in Indonesia for Takakura Method of Composting, the City of Nonthaburi, Thailand for the Waste Bank, the Miyashiro Board of Education for Environment Education, among others.

Objectives of the National Consultative Workshop

To formulate strategies for a better implementation by Bago City of the replicated urban waste management best practices considering the comments and suggestions of and possible further replication by other cities/local governments in the Philippines. Specifically it aims at:

- a. Presenting the preliminary activities and action plans of Community-based 3R Approaches Project in Bago City.
- b. Gathering comments and suggestions from original cases from which this project is replicated from and other existing good practices in community-based solid waste management in the Philippines.
- c. Identifying critical components and formulation of strategies for replication by other local governments in the Philippines.

Participation/Target groups

In addition to KI's staff from UNESCAP and from the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), which is hosting the KI Network Secretariat, participants should include:

- Bago City officials, in charge of the KI Bago City Demonstration Project
- Other KI member cities from the Philippines (Cebu, Puerto Princesa, San Fernando, La Union)
- KI member cities from other countries, from which successful waste management measures were learned and which could provide useful advices.

Target groups include: Local governments, municipalities or communities of the Philippines (mayors or top representatives, planning officials, etc.) involved in urban environmental management.

Programme

The 2-days workshop will be organized in the following way:

The first morning will be dedicated to the presentation of the national policy direction of the National Government, the original cases of best practices from which Bago project was replicated from. In the afternoon, the presentation of the Bago City Demonstration project – rationale for the choice of the city, explanation of the project - by the City officials, followed by a field visit on the site in Bago City. The second day will be for the presentation by other Cities in the Philippines with successful good practices on solid waste management, followed by interactive discussions about how Bago City's experience could be improved and possibly replicated in other cities in the Philippines.

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